



# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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## Wise Gifts

Jean Allen

The Wise Men are representative of all of us. The bible doesn't actually say there were just three men, only that there were three gifts,

gifts that are very symbolic of what we all should be offering to the beautiful manifestation of Light to our universe: Jesus the Messiah.



**Gold for Kingship.** When we make Jesus the ruler of our hearts and our lives, we are offering him pure gold. Making Jesus the King of one's life is no small matter because every personal kingdom of ours has small pockets where we reserve kingship for ourselves, places where we are totally reluctant to give up autonomy, places where we fool ourselves and believe that whatever we feel and perceive is what Jesus feels and perceives. If these little areas have hovels of righteous anger or mounds of resentments and angers that keep tripping us up, Jesus is not King.

**Frankincense for worship.** When we worship Jesus – and I mean really worship him in our hearts and souls, not just show up for Mass – we are offering him the beautiful aroma of our love. But this offer of worship doesn't just benefit Jesus or stroke his ego; when we truly worship, we also receive benefits. Frankincense has a woody and sweet aroma and is said to diminish feelings of stress and anxiety. Stress and anxiety are by-products of trying to be kings of certain areas of our lives. When we worship Christ with our whole hearts and souls, we are signifying to ourselves who is really King of our lives and who will win in the end.

**Myrrh for consecration.** Myrrh was used for embalming in Jesus's day but it was also used in the temple to consecrate priests. We are all called to the Royal Priesthood, consecrated at our baptisms. When we consciously walk as consecrated priests, we are bringing Christ's priesthood to life and offering him a permanent and active place in our lives and our ministries.

May we all live as wise people and may we all bear these gifts to the Lord.



## The Week of January 8 to January 14 in our Community

Monday January 8 The Baptism Of The Lord, Feast

**Parish Office Closed**

No Mass

10:00am **CWL General Meeting - Community Room**

7:30pm **K of C General Meeting - Church Hall**

Tuesday January 9

6:00pm Mass

Wednesday January 10

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Maritza Chouza**

Thursday January 11

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass

7:30pm **RCIA Journey of Faith - Church Hall**

Friday January 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin, Memorial

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

9:00am Mass + **Dianne Durkin**

followed by Adoration until 12:00 noon

Saturday January 13

6:30am Mass Fr. Sean Flynn presiding

5:00pm Mass **Special Int. Denise & Andy Kyfiuk**

6:00pm **Youth Group - School Gym**

Sunday January 14 Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

10:00am Mass

11:15am **Catechism - School**

6:00pm Mass **Special Int. Eric, Kamilah & Joey Kyfiuk**

## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Monday ~ 6:30am

Tuesday ~ 6:00pm

Wednesday ~ 6:30am & 6:00pm

Thursday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

Friday ~ 6:30am & 9:00am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 6:30am

Saturday ~ 5:00pm (livestream)

Sunday ~ 10:00am

Sunday ~ 6:00pm



## Syro-Malabar Mass Schedule for January

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 7:00pm  
January 20th & 27th

Sunday ~ 8:00am  
January 7th & 14th

Join Bishop Gary Gordon as he  
celebrates the Mass.

[https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/  
dailymasslivestreamed](https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed)

### CWL

**Important General Meeting**

Monday, Jan. 8th  
at 10:00 am

Come and vote in your new  
Executive Committee.

# OUR FINAL BISHOP'S APPEAL TOTAL COMING MID-JANUARY

There will be no Appeal Report today. A final report will be sent mid-January, once all end-of-year donations and any corrections have been updated in the system.



## SACRAMENTS



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Fr. Alfie will be available for Reconciliation, in the church, 1/2 hour before evening Masses on Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Please call parish office 250-479-7413 to arrange.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Celebrated on the **first Sunday** of each month at 11:30am. Please call parish office to register.

**Baptism Preparation** will be held on the **first Saturday** of each month at 10:00am. Please call parish office to register.

**Catechism and Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion:** email: [ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com](mailto:ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital:** We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your Pastor, Eucharistic or Pastoral Care Ministers - also Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are commissioned at the discretion of the Pastor, please let the Office staff know.

**For a hospital emergency call Fr. Sean Flynn at: 250-889-3761.**

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound:** We are grateful to those who give of their time and care to bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who cannot make it to church each week due to sickness or infirmity. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Communion in their home, please contact Melissa at the parish office by phone or by email: [mhogg@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mhogg@rcdvictoria.org)

The parish office regular hours of operation are:  
Tuesday through Friday  
8:30am to 3:30pm (except Statutory Holidays)

**Please Note:**  
**Next Sanctioned Collection**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

## Donation Options



**CANADA HELPS ONLINE DONATION:**  
**DONATE NOW - ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH**  
**(CANADAHELPS.ORG)**

**(IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC TAX RECEIPT ISSUED BY CANADA HELPS)**

**E TRANSFERS:**  
**FOLLOW STEPS OUTLINED ON YOUR ON-LINE BANKING SITE**  
**TO EMAIL: SJTWPARISH@RCDVICTORIA.ORG**

**CREDIT CARDS:**  
**Payment Authorization Form for Credit Card Donations.pdf**  
**(parishpal.com)**

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:**  
**https://000011.parishpal.com/files/docs/PAD\_Agreement.pdf**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS.**

## Annual Diocesan Camp Homewood Youth Retreat: "SEEK HIM"

**Quadra Island, February 2 to 4, 2024**

\$195 per participant (\$215 after January 15)  
All youth from Grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend.



Face2Face Ministries present **SEEK HIM**  
challenging youth to holiness by living and proclaiming the  
fullness of the Catholic Church.

Each student, chaperone and youth leader must complete  
and email the registration forms and documents by  
**January 15, 2024.**

Contact parish office for registration form and payment  
options.

For more information, please contact:  
**broset@telus.net or stpatricks-cr@shaw.ca.**

## Youth Group

All Youth Grades 6 - 12  
are invited  
to join us on Saturday evenings  
following  
For more information, please contact  
Ruth Real at:  
**SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com**



## Catechism Journey

St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Catechism Program (2023/2024)

### Sunday Morning

Grade's 1 to 4  
11:15am - 12:00 Noon (following the 10  
am Mass)  
St. Joseph's Elementary School  
757 Burnside Rd. W

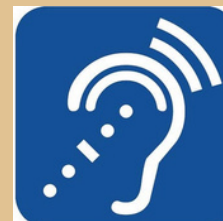
For more information please contact:  
**OurCatechismJourney@gmail.com**

## Grade/Level 5 Post Sacrament Class

### Saturdays at 6:00pm

For more information or to register please  
contact Chris Whiteley at:  
**whiteley.christopher@gmail.com** or  
250-886-2407

Our worship area is  
equipped with an  
**Assistive Listening**  
system. If you  
would like to use  
this, please contact  
the parish office.





# Newsworthy and Noteworthy

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION  
IN 2023!**



**AND A ROUND OF APPLAUSE  
TO THE PARISHIONERS  
WHO VOLUNTEERED OVER THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

**WE WISH YOU  
A BLESSED AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!  
FR. ALFIE & STAFF**

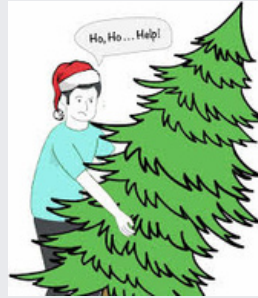


*Fr. Shijo George being welcomed to Victoria by Fr Thomas Venmanthara and members of community at the Victoria International airport on 15th December 2023.*

**The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is an Eastern Catholic Church that traces its origins to the evangelistic activity of St. Thomas the Apostle in 1st century.** St. Thomas, one of the 12 Apostles, traveled to India after the Pentecostal experience to proclaim the Good News. He landed in Kerala, India in 52 A.D. and founded the Christian Communities and later known as Saint Thomas Christians. From 1887 Saint Thomas Christians named as Syro-Malabar Church in order to keep the identity. The Syro-Malabar Church is primarily based in India and has four eparchies outside India. One of the eparchies is based in Mississauga, Canada. Bishop of Mississauga, Bishop Jose Kalluvellil established St. Anthony's Syro-Malabar mission in Victoria on 25th February 2016. Until now a priest from Vancouver used to visit the Island once a month and celebrated Holy Mass for the Syro-Malabar community. This month we got a new priest, Fr. Shijo George Ottaplackal who is also the assistant pastor at St. Joseph the worker parish in Victoria, British Columbia.

Fr. Shijo George took charge of Syro-Malabar mission from Fr. Thomas Venmanthara on 15th December 2023.

## Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping



The Christmas tree recycling program this year will take place on **one more Saturday, Jan 6th**

from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Trees may be dropped off at the church parking lot for a donation in support of Knights' fundraising for charities. Bartlett Tree Services will chip the biomass on-site to produce wood chip mulch.

## Save Your Empties!

Please support this **St. Andrew's Regional High School fundraiser.** The Spain trip students are having a **bottle drive** to fund raise for their travels. Drop off your empties at St. Andrew's Regional High School on **Saturday, January 13th, between 10am and 2pm** or anytime during school hours the week of Jan 8-12th.



## TOGETHER AGAIN!

**Prayer in the style of Taize** resumes WINTER, 2024 at **St Philip Anglican Church, 2928 Eastdowne Road**

250 592 6823

6pm on the 3rd Friday of the month:  
January 19, February 16 and March 15.  
Come, we want to journey with you, for

*'Feeling we are not alone can strengthen our life.'*

[www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

## 2024 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN CHURCH FOYER



**If you do not have donation envelopes and would like a box, please let the parish office know.**

**PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ENVELOPES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.** The number may have been re-assigned to another parishioner.

# From the Diocese



## Bishop's Christmas Message 2023

### **Pastoral Care Outreach Training Series - Online**

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held **via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 20 and running until March 23, 2024** (with no session on March 9 for Spring Break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Bishop Gary Gordon feels “it is important to have parishioners trained at the ready to be the hands and face of Christ to others”. Please register through your local parish **by January 12th**. For further information, please email [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)

### **CCCB statement on the non-permissibility of MAiD in health organizations with a Catholic identity**

The CCCB has released a statement on the non-permissibility of MAiD in health organizations with a Catholic identity. The statement may be read online at this link:

[Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity](#)

### **Diocesan Health Care Committee New “Care of the Dying” Webpage**

The Diocesan Health Care Committee is pleased to share a new “**Care of the Dying**” webpage:

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>. The page include a short video intro to CCCB’s “Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care” and a link to download the toolkit, as well as many other valuable resources and links.

**Please note:** Parishes and communities are encouraged to use the **Horizons of Hope Toolkit** to facilitate gatherings where people can explore palliative care in the context of a prayerful, caring community. For more information and assistance, please contact Joelle Dressler, the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, at:

[jdressler@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jdressler@rcdvictoria.org) or 250-479-1331 ext 230

### **New IPL Course**

Registration is now open for a new Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education course: “*Contemporary Effects of Colonization II: Social Justice*”. No prerequisites are required for this online course, which will run on Tuesdays in the new year from **January 9 to March 5, 2024 from 2:15 - 3:30 pm PST**. The cost is \$200. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://rcdos.ca/ministries-services/indigenous-ministry-2/indigenous-ministry-education/>.

### **“The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God”**

The Diocesan liturgical conference “*The Epiphany of the Liturgy: Welcoming the Closeness of God*” will take place on **January 5 and 6, 2024** at **St. Joseph the Worker Church** in Victoria. This conference is an opportunity to enter into a richer experience of the Trinity in our Eucharistic Celebrations, and will be valuable both for those who serve in liturgical ministries and those who participate in the assembly. The presenters will be Dr. Glenn Byer and Dr. David Pitt, liturgical and musical educators at Catholic colleges in the U.S. Registration is free, and available at:

<https://EpiphanyLiturgyConference.eventbrite.com>

# Contacts in the Parish

## Pastor

## Deacon

## Admin Assistant/Secretary/Bookkeeper

## Custodian

## Responsible Ministry Coordinator

## Altar Server Training/Coordinator

## Baptism

## Contemplative Community

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

## Children's Religious Education

## Eucharistic Ministry Contact

## Usher Coordinator

## SJTW Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry

## Development and Peace

## Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

## Youth Group - Grades 6 to 12

## St. Joseph's Elementary School

## Catholic Women's League (CWL)

## Knights of Columbus

## St. Vincent de Paul

## Legion of Mary

## Coffee/Hospitality Committee

## Finance Committee Chair

## Proclaimer Schedule Coordinator

## Proclaimer Training Coordinator

## Liturgy Committee

## Social and Ecological Justice Committee

## Parish Pastoral Council

## Fr. Alfredo Monacelli

Deacon Michael Watkins email: mwatkins@rcdvictoria.org

Melissa Hogg/Sandi Duncan/Pat O'Brien

Office hours 8:30am - 3:30pm Tuesday-Friday

Ralph Scheurle email: rbscheurle@shaw.ca

Rosanna O'Higgins email: rosanna.ohiggins@gmail.com

Angela Grohovac

Call parish office (250) 479-7413

Charlie Allen (778) 433-5772 email: charlieballen@gmail.com

(2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10am)

tbd

Christine Armstrong email: ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com

Jenny Di Castri email: jdicastri@gmail.com

Gerri Erickson (250) 216-5558 email: gerri@shaw.ca

Contact Parish Office (250) 479-7413

Sister Marina Smith SSA email: sandseaandsky@gmail.com

Chris & Carmelle Whiteley (250) 886-2987 email: carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com

Ruth Real email: SJTWyouthgroup@gmail.com

Pre School - Gr. 7 Call school office (250) 479-1232 for more info

President: Gerry Heywood (250) 479-6281

Michael O'Rielly email: mfjeorielly@gmail.com

Stephanie Peters (250) 514-7853 email: stephanie.jm.peters@gmail.com

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Lisa Slegg email: lisaslegg@gmail.com

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looking for a coordinator

Mel Evangelista email: mel.evangelista@gmail.com

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Gerry Heywood



The downtown Social Concern Office appreciates donations of:

- high protein soups
- peanut butter
- protein bars
- non-perishable items that are easy to open

Donations gladly taken in the food cart in the church foyer!

Also, any financial contribution allows purchases of dairy products, meat, and other needed items. Approx. 23,000 people, locally, including 4,000 children each year rely on it.

Make your gift at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-vancouver-island/>



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Serving is a **WIN** for everyone involved.

**Report Sexual Abuse**

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, click here or call 1-866-892-3737

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# Pastoral Care Training

Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am - noon

January 20 - March 23 2024 (no session March 9)

*Session 9*  
**Spouse  
Caregiving, Healthy  
Boundaries, and  
Self-Care**  
Mar 23

*Session 1*  
**Basics of  
Pastoral Care**  
Jan 20

*Session 2*  
**The Healing  
Ministry of Christ**  
Jan 27

*Session 8*  
**Ministry of  
God's Presence  
and Compassion**  
Mar 16

*Session 3*  
**Active Listening  
and  
Communication**  
Feb 3

*Session 7*  
**Bereavement:  
Ministering to  
Families**  
Mar 2

*Session 4*  
**Elderly Isolation,  
Loneliness, and  
the Journey with  
Dementia**  
Feb 10

*Session 6*  
**The Grieving  
Process**  
Feb 24

*Session 5*  
**Palliative Care  
and the Healing  
Ministry for the  
Dying**  
Feb 17

For further  
information,  
please contact:  
Moira King, Chair

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: [moiraking@shaw.ca](mailto:moiraking@shaw.ca)





# PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE



## St Philip Anglican Church

North along Foul Bay Ave. Right on Neil St for two blocks, to church on the left.

5:45pm for **6pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays – Jan, Feb, March, 2024**

January 19<sup>th</sup> February 16<sup>th</sup> March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence.**

# Community Services

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## Family Life

Bringing help and hope to marriages  
and families  
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## The Bible In A Year



The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)  
Ascension

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You are invited to join us in listening to “The Catechism in a Year” podcast. This 365 day podcast will explain all the teachings of the Catholic Church, in a prayerful, engaging, and approachable way with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Check it out!

The Catechism in a Year – Ascension ([ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com))